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SUBJECT:STIPENDS FOR US JUNIOR SCHOLARS

1. IN RAISING STIPEND FOR US JUNIOR SCHOLARS TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN RUBLES PER MONTH, SOVIETS HAVE INCREASED AMOUNT STIPULATED IN AGREEMENT BY APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT. IN RETURN, IREX, WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, WILLING INCREASE THE TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR STIPEND STIPULATED FOR SOVIET JUNIOR SCHOLARS IN THE AGREEMENT BY 30 PERCENT TO TWO HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS PER MONTH.

2. IREX AND DEPARTMENT WILLING RAISE JUNIOR SCHOLAR STIPENDS RECIPROCALLY BY ANY PERCENTAGE POINT UP TO 30 PERCENT. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO CHANGE RATIO SET IN AGREEMENT TO ONE EQUIVALENT TO CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE AS PROPOSED BY SOVIETS.

3. SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE VISITING IREX SEPT 30 TO
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DISCUSS STIPEND ISSUE. SUGGEST EMBASSY TAKE NO ACTION

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